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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

 (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a wagering game, comprising: receiving a wager to play the wagering game; displaying a plurality of incomplete offers;

allowing a player to accept at least one of the plurality of incomplete offers to form an accepted offer; [[and]]

after the player accepts the incomplete offer, completing the plurality of <u>incomplete</u> offers to form a plurality of completed offers; and

awarding the accepted offer to the player.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of incomplete offers are associated with respective awards that change after the player accepts the incomplete offer.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of completed offers are associated with respective final awards that do not change.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including conducting a basic game, the displaying step occurring in response to a special outcome in the basic game.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of conducting a basic game includes rotating and stopping a plurality of simulated or physical reels to place symbols on the reels in visual association with a display area.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including initially associating one or more of the <u>plurality of</u> incomplete offers with the player prior to the step of displaying a plurality of incomplete offers.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 6, wherein the allowing step includes allowing the player to change which of the <u>plurality of</u> incomplete offers is associated with the player.

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8. (Currently Amended) A gaming apparatus for conducting a wagering game, comprising: a value input device for receiving a wager to play the wagering game; a display for displaying a plurality of incomplete offers; and a processor operative to

allow a player to accept at least one of the plurality of incomplete offers to form an accepted offer; [[and]]

after the player accepts the incomplete offer, complete the plurality of <u>incomplete</u> offers to form a plurality of completed offers; and

award the accepted offer to the player.

- 9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the plurality of incomplete offers are associated with respective awards that change after the player accepts the incomplete offer.
- 10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the plurality of completed offers are associated with respective final awards that do not change.
- 11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the processor is operative to conduct a basic game, and wherein the display is adapted to display the plurality of incomplete offers in response to a special outcome in the basic game.
- 12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the basic game includes a plurality of simulated or physical reels that are rotated and stopped to place symbols on the reels in visual association with a display area.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the processor is operative to initially associate one or more of the <u>plurality of</u> incomplete offers with the player prior to the display displaying the plurality of incomplete offers.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[8]] 13, wherein the processor is operative to allow the player to change which of the <u>plurality of incomplete</u> offers is associated with the player.

- 15. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a wagering game, comprising: receiving a wager to play the wagering game; initially associating one or more of a plurality of incomplete offers with a player; displaying the plurality of incomplete offers;
- allowing the player to change which of the <u>plurality of</u> incomplete offers is associated with the player; [[and]]

after the player changes which of the <u>plurality of incomplete</u> offers is associated with the player, completing the plurality of offers to form a <u>plurality of completed offers</u>; and awarding the associated offers to the player.

- 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the plurality of incomplete offers are associated with respective awards that change after the player changes which of the plurality of incomplete offers is associated with the player.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the plurality of completed offers are associated with respective final awards that do not change.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 15, further including conducting a basic game, the displaying step occurring in response to a special outcome in the basic game.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the plurality of incomplete offers include respective credit amounts that accumulate at different rates on a display.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein each credit amount accumulates at a respective rate that fluctuates over time.